in regard to the incidents in Gujarat have been forwarded to the Government of Gujarat for taking appropriate action insofar as the matter relates to the State Government. Under section 9 (3) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, the recommendations made to the State Government under section 9(1) (c) are required to be laid before the State Legislature, along with an action taken memorandum, The recommendations pertairning to the Union Government contained in the said reports are under examination. Under section 9(2) of the said Act, the recommendations made to the Union Government under section 9 (1) (c) are required to be laid by it before each House of Parliament along with an action taken memorandum. The reports, along with the action taken memorandum, will be laid before each House of Parliament in due course.

Increase in Attacks on Minorities

183. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the reasons for increase in attacks on minorities in the country in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what special steps have been taken to eliminate such attacks and to punish the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No such study has been made at the Central level.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Though "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and maintenance of law and order and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, the Central Government has been taking several measures to keep the communal situation under control and to provide protection to the minorities. Some of these measures are mentioned below:

(i) Sharing intelligence with the State Governments.

(ii) Sending advisories to the State Governments from time to time.

(iii) Assisting the State Governments by providing the Central Para-Military Forces, etc. (The Central Government has also constituted a Special Force, viz., Rapid Action Force, for controlling communal riots and tensions).

(iv) Assisting the State Governments in upgrading their policing infrastructure.

After the recent incidents involving minorities, the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States have been advised to issue suitable instructions to the district law and order enforcing authorities to respond immediately to the complaints relating to harassment of minorities and initiate prompt and effective action to identify and punish guilty persons.

A Commission of Inquiry consisting of Mr. Justice D.P. Wadhwa, a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court, has been appointed by the Central Government to look into the killing of Mr. Graham Stewart Staines and his two sons on the night of 22/23rd January, 1999 in will. Manoharpur, Distt. Keonjhar, Orissa.

The Government is firmly of the view that acts of violence against any community, wherever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly and examplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators of such violence.

Attacks on Christians

184. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various attacks on Christian missionaries, their institutions and people of Christian faith;

(b) how many Christian missionary schools were attacked;

(c) how many Chapels and Churches were destroyed or damaged;

(d) how much would be the total damage caused; and

(e) how many persons were injured?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (e) Available information in regard to attacks on Christians/Christian missionaries during 1998 and 1999 (upto February 20) is given in the enclosed statements I & II *(See* below)

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. The Registration, investigation detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Details of individual cases are not maintained at the Central level.

Statement-I

Attacks on Christians/Christian Missionaries during 1998

States	No. of Incidents		No. of persons killed		No. of persons injured	
	1/98 to 6/98	7/98 to 12/98	1/98 to 6/98	7/98 to 12/98	1/98 to 6/98	7/98 to 12/98
Andhra Pradesh	1	—	—	—	—	—
Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	—	—	—	—
Bihar	3	1	1	—	2	—
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	—	—	—	1	—
Delhi	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gujarat	5	43	—	—	4	19
Haryana	—	1	—	—	—	—
Kerala	2	4	—	—	—	—
Karnataka	—	1	—	—	_	—
Madhya Pradesh	—	3	—	—	—	—
Maharashtra	6	3	—	—	—	—
Orissa	3	—	—	—	—	—
Punjab	1	—	—	—	—	—
Tamil Nadu	—	3	—	—	—	6
Uttar Pradesh	1	1	—	—	5	—
	24	61	1	—	12	25

Statement-II

Attacks on Christians/Christian Missionaries during 1999 (upto February 20)

States	No. of Incidents	No. of persons killed	No. of persons injured red
Andhra Pradesh	—	—	–
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
Bihar	1		
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	
Delhi	—	—	
Gujarat	13	—	—
Haryana	—	—	—

States	*No. of Incidents*	*No. of persons killed*	*No. of persons injured*
Jammu & Rashmi			
Kerala	4	—	11
Karnataka	—	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	3	—	—
Maharashtra	1	—	1
Manipur	—	—	—
Orissa	4	3	2
Punjab	—	—	—
Rajasthan	—	—	—
Tamil Nadu	2	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	2	—	—
West Bengal	1	—	—
TOTAL	31	3	14

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185. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities (NCM), which enquired into recent attacks on Christian Minorities, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings and recommendaitons made by the Commission and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reports received from the National Commission for Minorities in regard to the incidents in Gujarat have been forwarded to the Government of Gujarat for taking appropriate action insofar as the matter relates to the State Government. Under section 9 (3) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, the recommendations made to the State Govemment under section 9(1) (c) are required to be laid before the State Legislature, along with an action taken memorandum. The recommendation; pertaining to the Union Government contained in the said reports are under examination. Under section 9(2) of the said Act, the recommendations made to the Union Government under section 9(1) (c) are required to be laid by it before each House of Parliament along with an action taken memorandum. The reports, along with the action taken memorandum, will be laid before each House of Parliament in due course.

Crime-Graph in the Capital

186. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS: be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crime-graph in the Capital has reached at its peak during the. past few months and the Union Government/Delhi Police have totally failed to check it;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to adopt any new strategy to check crime in the Capital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?